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**DECISION**



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES**  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

**FILE:** B-206078 **DATE:** August 24, 1982  
**MATTER OF:** Archie D. Parker

**DIGEST:**

Bidder debarred during pendency of protest is not interested party since debarment precludes any possibility of award, thus rendering resolution of protest academic.

Archie D. Parker (Parker) has protested the rejection of its bids for timber sales issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, for Compartments 58, 60 and 61, Flag Mountain Timber Sale, and Compartments 209, 215 and 219, Hopeful Sale, in the Talladega National Forest.

Parker, who submitted the high bid in both sales, objects to the rejection by the Forest Service of all bids received.

Following the filing of the protest, we have been advised that Parker has been placed on the General Services Administration's "Consolidated List of Debarred, Suspended and Ineligible Contractors" and, therefore, is prohibited from contracting with the Government.

Our Bid Protest Procedures require that a protesting party have some legitimate interest in the matter before this Office will consent to consider the protest. Dynamic International, Inc., B-186520, September 10, 1976, 76-2 CPD 234. In the instant case, the effect of Parker's debarment is to preclude Parker from any possibility of award under the sales, thus rendering resolution of the protest academic.

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